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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 were examined. Claims 1, 9-11, 19-21, 24 and 25 were rejected and Claims 2-8, 12-18, 22, 23 and 26 were objected to. In response to the above-identified Office Action, Claims 1-2, 4, 6-7, 9, 11-12, 14, 16-17, 19-21 and 24 are amended, Claims 5, 15, 23 and 26 are cancelled, and no claims are added. Reconsideration of the rejected claims in light of the aforementioned amendments and the following remarks is requested.

I. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 9-11, 19-21, 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0071783 by Chen ("Chen") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,397,061 issued to Jordan et al. ("Jordan").

Regarding Claim 1, Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable claim features of Claim 5, which are neither taught nor suggested by the prior art combination of Chen in view of Jordan or the references of record.

For each of the above reasons, therefore, Claim 1 and all claims which depend from Claim 1 are patentable over the prior art combination of Chen in view of Jordan, as well as references of record. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the §103(a) rejection of Claims 1 and 9-10.

Each of Applicants' other independent claims are amended to include limitations similar to those in Claim 1 discussed above. Therefore, all of Applicants' other independent claims, and all claims which depend on them, are also patentable over the cited art, for similar reasons. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the §103(a) rejection of Claims 11, 19-21, 24 and 25.

DEPENDENT CLAIMS

In view of the above remarks, a specific discussion of the dependent claims is considered to be unnecessary. Therefore, Applicants' silence regarding any dependent claim is not to be

interpreted as an agreement with, or acquiescence to, the rejection of such claim or as waiving any argument regarding that claim.

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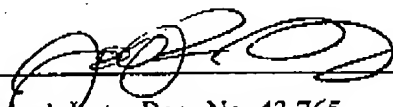
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending, namely Claims 1-4, 6-14, 16-22 and 24-25, patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record, and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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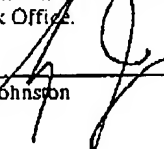
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